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ATTEND the caucus Monday night and nominate the ticket.

M. Y. GEPHART says he is in the race to stay and expects to win out for treasurer.

GEORGE Wagner announces his candidacy for treasurer on the Democratic ticket. George would make a good one if he could get there.

Robert J. Peebles who aspires to the office of City Treasurer has been a resident of the city for 23 years and in the employ of one firm for 21 years. He has been chief of the fire department for 11 years, which is a good record, and if nominated and elected he will give his personal attention to the business of the office.

NOTICES for the Democratic city and ward caucus have been called which of course means that a ticket will be put up and that the Republicans will not have the field all to themselves. Who they have agreed upon to head the ticket for mayor does not yet appear on the surface, but we are reliably informed that there will be a contest on for the nomination of treasurer between George Wagner and Thos. Welsh. Ed Engeman will undoubtedly be nominated for clerk.

No Republican state convention in the history of Michigan ever placed in nomination a stronger ticket, individually and collectively, than the recent convention at Saginaw. Russell C. Ostrander and John E. Bird for justices of the supreme court; L. L. Hubbard and Benjamin S. Hanchett for regents of the university; Luther L. Wright for superintendent of public instruction; Thomas W. Nadel, for member of the state board of education; and John W. Beaumont and Jason Woodman for members of the state board of agriculture, make up a ticket which should, and will, command the enthusiastic support of republicans from one end of the state to the other.

YOUNG CHICKS OUT

Silk City Hatchery Busy Place—Setting Hens Not In It

It will pay any one to visit the Silk City hatchery these days and take a look at the young chicks that are popping out of the egg shells nearly every day there are about a thousand of them and more coming. Mr. Parney has about twenty incubators in commission with a capacity of two hundred eggs each and when a setting of eggs is placed in one of them it yields results in just twenty-one days and the chick breaks out of the shell. None but the very best stock are hatched for the market and the breeds he has now are of the best strain. In about eight weeks he will have a lot of broilers to turn off at fifty or sixty cents a pound. When the chicks are fifty hours old they begin eating and scratch as vigorously as old hens.

A couple thousand have already been sold to local dealers and orders for future delivery are booked every day. Mr. and Mrs. Parney have their hands full of business these days.

Medicines that aid nature are always most successful. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts on this plan. It loosens the cough, relieves the lungs, opens the secretions and aid nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Sold by all dealers.

Real Estate For Sale

10 room house, 1 block from Main street. A good place for boarders for \$1400. This property can be bought on easy payments.

6 room, cement block house on Division street, and 2 blocks east of Bridge street for \$900

8 room house with electric lights, in splendid location on Bridge street for \$1,550

9 room house with electric lights, city water, cistern, with woodhouse and barn. House is furnished in hardwood for \$2,000

A splendid house on the north side, 1 block west of Bridge street for \$1,800

A good house on Alderman street, with city water, a few blocks from Main street. \$1150

6 room ouse north of basket factory for \$1100

8 room house with electric lights, short distance from north side school house. \$900

Come and see us before buying.

WAGNER & SON

'AGIN THE SALOON

Will Shipman Tells Why He Will Vote Against The Saloon

Editor Belding Banner—

Dear Sir: I am a strong believer in local option or any law to do away with the saloon. I am asked by many people what makes me feel that way. Through the medium of your paper I would like to tell the public what makes me take this stand. It is to save the children and mothers of this country having to go through what my mother and brothers and sisters went through, including myself. We had as kind a father as any mother or children need to ask for when he had no liquor. He ran an engine on the New York Central railroad for 17 years before he came to Michigan and he said they never made a trip without a jug of whisky hanging in the water tank. After working for 17 years on a good paying railroad he came to Michigan and bought 40 acres of land for \$280 and had not a dollar to pay down and so gave his sister a mortgage for the full amount. After having worked for 17 years at good wages, who had the money? The whisky element, the shop keeper, or in more polite words the saloon keeper.

He came to Michigan in 1884 and was killed in 1889 by his team running away, being so drunk that he had no control of them at all, and pounding them with his whip, the wagon wheel struck a stone and threw him out, the wagon wheels passing over him killing him instantly. He had worked for 25 years and when he was killed he left a mortgage of \$800 on the farm that he bought for \$280. I can tell you how that was. I have known him to go to Lansing, eight miles from the farm, with \$400 in cash in his pocket and stay three days, then came home so drunk that my two brothers and I had to carry him from the wagon to the house and his wife and children had to take care of the person that the saloon keeper had robbed. I have gone to Grand Ledge when I was 12 years old bare footed and stood behind my father when he was so drunk that he hardly knew his own son, and took his pocketbook out of his pocket and took it home to mother with only \$3.12 in it, that being all there was left of the \$860, but it did no good. In a few days he got the money of mother and lost it all. He never spent it. They robbed him when drunk.

Think it strange, dear reader, that I hate the saloon business? I am like Mr. Washburn. No one has got a string on me that he can pull at all. I have trod the streets of Belding for 21 years and have, as yet, the first white shirt to buy for a saloonkeeper. I could tell of several cases like this but I am afraid you would not have space for so long an article. Shame on the man that will uphold such an element as the saloon. He is not a fit subject to be placed in positions of public trust, either state, county, municipal or school district officer. My vote will help to down him every time. I am not like the saloonkeeper, have a lot of stuff printed to pawn off on an unsuspecting public that they don't dare to sign their names to, but keep hid in the dark.

I will give any saloonkeeper in Ionia county \$50 if he can prove that he sells stuff over his bar that people can not get along without. There is no other enterprise in Ionia county that I dare challenge in that way. The best saloon keeper Belding ever had says the highest priced whisky that saloonkeepers sell is \$3 water so it won't burn their throats and the price is 15 to 25 cents a drink for water. But Uncle Sam don't put any revenue on water. Better pump it out of your well and give your wife the money to buy things for herself and children and you as well, if you don't know enough to do so yourself.

Written by a man that knows the whisky business from the ground up and don't need a sharp lawyer to stand to his back and tell him what to say and can get right out on the platform and say it himself and is not ashamed to sign his full name to it either. What is the matter with you "wet," fellows that you don't charter an auto and get out on the corner and tell the people what good you are to the community and if they will only let you open up again how kind you will be to relieve the fathers of the inconvenience of taking care of his money and send him home drunk for the mother and children to contend with. Are you not ashamed of such a low, degrading business as that is. Then go to the poles and cast your own vote against the return of the saloon. That is the way I am going to vote and you can be just as good and clean a citizen as any one need be. Willis Shipman.

FOR SALE—240 acres good soil, water, etc., located on county line between Ionia and Kent counties. Price \$25 per acre. Would accept a small farm near city in part payment. I will sell you a house for the price of rent.

Near High School and Factories Gas in the house, good cistern, well, etc. Price very reasonable. Drop a postal making an appointment for Saturday or any evening.

W. E. LITTLE
599 E. Center

Ambrose Spencer is out after a ten days siege of grip.

Wants For Sale and Business Chances

House for sale—At No. 221 East Congress street. Frank A. Howe, Rt 19. 34—if

Wanted—Young lady to learn to set type, steady position. Inquire at the Banner office.

Wanted—Man to work Warren farm two miles north of Belding, on shares. Owner to have no share in stock and fowls but will furnish all clover seed. All coarse feed to be fed on farm by tenant. Must have stock and tools. No wood. Ernest Bunker, Agent, 4-2w R. D. 4 Greenville

Wanted—To rent a six, seven or eight room house. Inquire at Banner office or 622 Alderman St.

For Sale—My house and lot on east Congress St. good barn on lot. Call and see me Clay Keeney 42-3w

For Sale—Rose Comb Rhode Island eggs. 75 cents per setting. Mrs. I. L. Hubbell 418 North Bridge St. Telephone 104

For Sale—Good 7 room house, gas and water, both well and city. 410 E. Ann street. George Johnson 42-4f

For Sale—Seven room house, corner Bridge and State streets, in good condition, furnace heat and electric lights. Two lots and a quarter. Address, Tom Griffith, Sparta, Mich. 38-13

Hay for sale. Clover and timothy mixed. Mark H. Brown. Phone 264-3r. 39-1f

House For Sale—Good eight room house with electric lights and city water at 709 South Bridge Street. Apply to J. Godfrey

For Sale—One house on Bridge street with improvements. Also one house on Hanover street for sale cheap. For price and terms inquire of Thos. Welsh. 39-1f

TO LET—Large furnished room, furnace heat, electric lights, privilege of bath. Phone 102. 38-1f

For Sale—Hot air furnace. Every thing complete. All pipes and registers ready to install. Will sell very cheap. Inquire of Dr. Hook. 35-1f

Wanted—Eggs from thoroughbred poultry, correspond with the Silk City hatchery, E. M. Parney. 38-1f

For Sale—Light Brahma and Rhode Island Red cockerels. Inquire of Wm Wilson at Wilson & Skellenger's. 34-1f

Shade Trees for Sale. Grown in open. Any size and delivered with the dirt on W. B. Travis. Phone 195-2r

Lost—Between Brink school house and Belding a box containing a book and towel. Finder please leave at the Banner Office.

For Sale—Hay cornstalks and a few farming tools. William Hulbert, Phone 135-5 42-2

For Sale—At what the houses are worth and give you the lot they stand on. From \$400 up. A. H. Face, 114 E Liberty street. 40-1f

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SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 25TH

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Doors Open at 6:45 First Lecture at 7:00 Sharp.

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"An Investment For Life"

How it Happened

The Pacific Ostrich Plume Co., one of the largest exclusive importers in the world sent us on consignment for a special three days' sale \$500 worth of the choicest Black and Colored Plumes ever displayed in Belding. We want every lady in Belding and vicinity to see them. The prices are a wonder to us and we would like an expression from you. Don't you buy them if they are not by far the cheapest Plumes you ever looked at. Sale begins

Friday, March 24th and closes Monday night, March 27th

Friday, Saturday and Monday, 3 days only

Here are Some of the Prices

Special Black Plumes	20 inches long, extra wide and heavy..... 6 50	24 inches long..... 11 00	Colored Plumes
12 inches long each... \$ 65	22 inches long, extra wide and heavy..... 8 00	24 inches long, extra heavy..... 18 00	18 inches, white..... \$ 1 25
18 inches long each... 1 25	27 inches long, extra wide and heavy..... 12 50	30 inches long..... 30 00	18 inches, tan and green 2 75
16 inches long, extra heavy each..... 2 25	30 inches long, extra wide and heavy..... 16 00	26 inches long, brown shaded and black and blue..... 25 00	18 inches, white, maroon or blue..... 3 50
Black French Plumes	16 inches long, extra wide and heavy.... \$ 3 50	Black and White Pillow Plumes	22 inches, white..... 3 50
22 inches long, extra wide and heavy.... 4 00	20 inches long..... \$ 9 00	28 inches long, black and gray shaded and black and wisteria shaded..... 35 00	20 inches, French white plume..... 6 50
			24 inches, French plume in old rose shaded, blue shaded, w't extra heavy and wide..... 10 00

Come and look at these plumes. We will be glad to show them to you. You must see them to fully appreciate what we are offering to you.

"The Store That Sells Wooltex" JENSEN & WHEELER Belding Michigan

Wood for Sale. Enquire of W. B. Travis. Phone 195-2r

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For Sale—160 acres cheap for cash or on time joining a town. Inquires answered for self addressed stamped envelope. Luther Edmore, Sears, Mich. 40-2w

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FURNITURE

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